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SUBJECT: US-USSR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: RENEWAL

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1. POINTS ALREADY MADE BY SCICOUNSELOR AND RAMUNDO
(REFTEL PARA 3) CONSTITUTE ACCURATE RESPONSE TO AYKAZYAN'S
REQUEST FOR "OFFICIAL EXPLANATION" OF TWO-YEAR TERM US
PROPOSES FOR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT RENEWAL. ICE-
TRANSITING HISTORY IS RELEVANT BECAUSE OF BOTH ACCESS ISSUE
AND SCST HANDLING. IN REPLYING FURTHER TO AYKAZYAN,
EMBASSY SHOULD REITERATE REFTEL POINTS AND STRESS THAT
DECISION WAS GIVEN THOROUGH CONSIDERATION BY US GOVERNMENT.

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2. FYI: LOOKING AHEAD, WE WOULD EXPECT SOVIETS TO ACCEPT
OUR PROPOSAL AND SEE VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY THEY CAN
COME UP WITH ANY REALISTIC COUNTERPROPOSALS THAT WOULD
CAUSE US TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE TERM OF RENEWAL.
IF THEY CHOOSE THEIR OTHER OPTION OF REJECTING THE US POSI-
TION AND THEREBY ALLOWING THE AGREEMENT TO LAPSE, WE TEN-
TATIVELY FORESEE SUGGESTING TO THEM THAT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL

PROJECTS BE CONTINUED IN SOME OTHER FRAMEWORK--THE S&T
AGREEMENT BEING A LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE. IN THIS CASE

BOTH SIDES WOULD DRAW UP FORMAL PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERA-
TION BY S&T JOINT COMMISSION. AT THIS POINT EMBASSY
SHOULD NOT FORESHADOW SUCH POSSIBILITIES IN TALKS WITH
SOVIETS, BUT IF EVENTS TAKE A TURN IN THIS DIRECTION WE
WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS OPTION.
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